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ARTICLE 1 - NAME

Section 1. The name of this board shall be the "Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors."

ARTICLE 2 - OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this board shall be a chairman and a vice-chairman. At the first regular meeting of the board after the 15th day of January each year, the members of the board shall elect from among their number a chairman and a vice-chairman of the board.

Section 2. Director of Transportation. The board of directors shall appoint a director of transportation who shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The director shall be employed pursuant to an individual contract with his or her compensation being comparable to the compensation of the chief executive officers of U.S. transportation agencies which most closely resembles the Municipal Transportation Agency in size, mission and complexity.

Section 3. Board Secretary. The board shall appoint a board secretary to manage the affairs of the directors and who shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The board secretary shall affix his or her signature to each contract, lease or permit approved by the board attesting and certifying to approval by the board.

ARTICLE 3 - POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Chairman. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the board, shall preserve order and decorum, shall decide all questions of order subject to appeal to the board by any member, and shall appoint any and all committees of the board. The chair shall have the right to participate in the proceedings of the board, including the right to make and second any resolution or other motion, and may speak to points of order in preference to the other members.

Section 2. Vice-Chairman. In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman shall preside. In the absence of both the chair and the vice-chair, the members shall select by motion a member to preside over the meeting.

ARTICLE 4 - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings. The board shall hold a regular meeting in the chambers of the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors in City Hall at 5:00 p.m. every first and third Tuesday.

Section 2. Special Meetings of the Board. Special meetings of the board may be called at any time by the chairman or by a majority of the members of the board by delivering written notice to each member of the board and to the local media who have requested such notice in writing.

Such notice must be delivered at least 72 hours before the time of such meeting as specified in the notice.

The call and notice shall specify, the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. No other business shall be considered at such meetings by the board.

Each special meeting shall be held at the regular meeting place of the policy body except that the policy body may designate an alternate meeting place provided that such alternate location is specified in the notice of the special meeting; further provided that the notice of the special meeting shall be given at least 15 days prior to said special meeting being held at an alternate location. This provision shall not apply where the alternative meeting location is located within the same building as the regular meeting place.

Section 3. Open and Public Meetings. All meetings of the board shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the board.

Section 4. Closed Sessions. The board may, with appropriate notice, meet in closed session to consider and act upon matters authorized by the Ralph M. Brown Act and the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance. The secretary shall record any decisions made in the closed session. Any action taken in closed session shall be announced as required by law. After every closed session, the board must by motion and vote in open session elect either to disclose no information or to disclose part or all of the information discussed in the closed session.

Section 5. Quorum. A quorum for the transaction of official business shall consist of a majority of all the members of the Municipal Transportation Agency Board, or four (4) members thereof. In the absence of a quorum, the board may adjourn or may reschedule the meeting to a specific date and time.

Section 6. Order of Business. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Communications
5. Board of Director's Old and New Business
7. Director's Report
8. Citizen's Advisory Council Report
9. Public Comment
10. Calendar Matters
11. Adjournment

Section 7. Public Comment. Every calendar for regular and special meetings shall provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the board on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the board.

Section 8. Cancellation of meetings. If a recommendation is made by the Director of Transportation or board secretary that a meeting be canceled or changed, the chairman, or a resolution adopted by a majority of the board may cancel the meeting. In the event of a meeting cancellation, the board secretary shall inform the board and shall post a notice of cancellation.

Section 9. Temporary Meeting Place-Emergency. In case of emergency, the board shall designate some other appropriate place as its temporary meeting place.

Section 10. Meetings for the Revision of Rates, Charges or Fares. Before adopting or revising any schedule of rates, charges or fare, the board shall publish in the official newspaper of the City and County for five days notice of its intention to do so and shall fix the time for a public hearing or hearings thereon, which shall be not less than fifteen days after the last publication of said notice, and at which any person may present his or her objection to or views on the proposed schedule of rates, fare or charges.

Section 11. Adjournment of Meetings. The board may adjourn any regular or special to a time and place specified in the order of adjournment.

Section 12. Minutes of Proceedings. The secretary of the board shall audio record

each regular and special meeting. The secretary must record the vote on all resolutions, minutes and on all other questions and a draft of the minutes must be available for inspection and copying no later than ten working days after the meeting. The officially adopted minutes must be available for inspection and copying no later than ten working days after the meeting at which the minutes are adopted.

ARTICLE 5 - VOTING

Section 1. Vote Required. Except as otherwise herein provided, an affirmative vote of at least four members of the board shall be required for the passage of any resolution, or for the passage of any other motion.

Section 2. Excused from Voting. Each member present at a meeting of this board when a question is put shall vote for or against it, unless the member is excused from voting by a motion adopted by a majority of the members present.

Section 3. Voting. A roll call shall not be interrupted, but a member may, prior to the calling of the roll, explain his or her vote, or file in writing an explanation thereof after the result of the roll call has been announced and recorded.

ARTICLE 6 - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Section 1. Rules of Debate. When a member desires to address the board, the member shall seek recognition, by addressing the presiding officer, and when recognized, shall proceed to speak, confining comments, to the question before the board. No discussion shall take place until a resolution or a calendared item has been introduced.

Section 2. Privilege of Floor and Public Participation. The privilege of the floor shall be granted to any member of the public or officers of the city and county of San Francisco, or their duly authorized representatives for the purpose of commenting on any question before the board.

Each person wishing to speak on an item at a regular or special meeting shall be permitted to be heard once per item for up to three (3) minutes. The presiding officer shall be the judge of the pertinence of such comments, and have the power to limit this privilege if in the presiding officer's opinion the comments are not pertinent to the question before the board or the comments are merely reiterative of points made by previous speakers.

Section 3. Agenda Changes or Continuances. Any agenda change or continuance shall be announced at the beginning of the board meeting, or as soon thereafter as the change or continuance becomes known to the presiding officer.

ARTICLE 7 - RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. Adoption of Rules of Order. The adoption of the Rules of Order shall be by motion and shall require an affirmative recorded vote of a majority of the members of the board. When adopted, such Rules of Order shall remain in effect, unless suspended or amended as provided herein.

Section 2. Suspension of the Rules of Order. Except for this rule and such other of these Rules of Order as are restatements of provisions of the charter, ordinances or resolutions of the Board of Supervisors, or other provisions of law, any of these rules of order may be suspended by the affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the board, provided that such suspension is entered upon the minutes of the board.

A motion to suspend the rules is debatable.

Section 3. Amendments to Rules of Order. An amendment to the Rules of Order may, after ten days' notice, be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the board.

ADOPTED: March , 2000

